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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ZVER ET AL.

Examiner

Dru M. Parries

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the Abstract is too long. See MPEP 608.01(b).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edevold et al. (6,292,379) and Rossow et al. (6,923,285). Edevold teaches an arrangement providing power to an electrical device comprising an inverter (20), first switch (64, i.e. relay), a second switch (22), a utility power line source (16), and a bypass controller (24) (Fig. 5). He teaches the controller causing a first transition sequence (FTS), in response to an overcurrent condition in the inverter or via a user input, where the first switch changes to an open position and subsequently the second switch changes to a closed position. He further teaches that during the FTS the inverter is discontinued before the first switch is opened. He also teaches the controller causing a second transition sequence (STS) where the second switch opens subsequent to the first switch closing. He also teaches the controller enabling the inverter to operate again after the first switch is closed. He also teaches the controller continually sensing the input voltage (information) of the utility. He also teaches the inverter having switches utilizing a half bridge topology to output

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a precise AC output to the load (inherent that it would use a variable frequency drive). (Col. 6, lines 43-45, 52-55, 58-60; Col. 8, lines 29-67; Col. 9, lines 1-23). Edevold fails to teach indicators and indicia when the arrangement is in certain operating modes. Rossow teaches LED indicators and indicia (Fig. 3B) for indicating operating modes in a power system. He goes on to teach certain LEDs being illuminated when certain switches are closed (certain operating modes) (Col. 12, lines 26-38). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use LEDs and indicia in Edevold's invention so that the operator will know the operating mode in which the system is working in. Therefore, when the first switch is closed (i.e. in inverter power state), an LED is continuously lit with matching indicia; same with when the second switch is closed (i.e. in utility power bypass state). During transition mode, the first LED will be on, and then turn off (when the first switch is opened), and the second LED will be off, and then turn on (when the second switch is closed) (intermittently).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dru M. Parries whose telephone number is (571) 272-8542. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday from 9:00am to 6:00pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

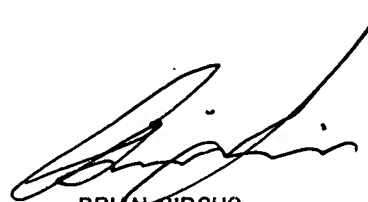
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus, can be reached on 571-272-2800 x 36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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